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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
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EXAMINING GROUP 2171**

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Harriett G. COVERSTON et al.

Application No.: 09/894,478

Filed: June 28, 2001

For: METHOD, SYSTEM, AND
PROGRAM FOR MANAGING
FILES IN A FILE SYSTEM

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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Office Action mailed April 21, 2004, the period for response extending to July 21, 2004, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks follow the Amendments section of this paper.